

Section c.) Amendments to the Claims.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-71 (cancelled).

Claim 72 (new): A method of preserving organic and inorganic materials comprising impregnating an organic material or an inorganic material with a hydrolyzable oximosilane, and thereafter curing the impregnated material.

Claim 73 (new): A method according to Claim 72 in which the oximosilane is methyltrioximosilane.

Claim 74 (new): A method of conserving organic and inorganic materials comprising impregnating an organic material or an inorganic material with a curable polymeric system comprising (i) a siloxane polymer having an average of at least two silanol groups per molecule, (ii) sufficient of a crosslinker to crosslink a significant portion of the siloxane polymer, and curing the impregnated material with a crosslinker selected from the group consisting of $R''Si(Oxime)_3$ and $Si(Oxime)_4$, wherein R'' is a phenyl group, hydrogen, a vinyl group, or an alkyl group having 1-12 carbon atoms.

Claim 75 (new): A method of conserving organic and inorganic materials comprising impregnating an organic material or an inorganic material with a curable polymeric system comprising (i) a siloxane polymer having an average of at least two unsaturated groups per molecule, (ii) sufficient of a crosslinker to crosslink a significant portion of the siloxane polymer, the crosslinker comprising an organosilicon compound having at least two hydrogens on silicon, and which is selected from the group consisting of (a) a silane, (b) a siloxane, and (c) a mixture of (a) and (b), (iii) a platinum catalyst, and thereafter allowing the impregnated material to cure.

Claim 76 (new): A method of configuring wood products comprising impregnating wood products with a curable system, configuring the wood products into to a desired shape, maintaining the impregnated and configured wood product in its desired shape, and curing the curable system; the curable system comprising (i) a siloxane polymer having an average of at least two silanol groups per molecule, (ii) sufficient of a crosslinker to crosslink a significant portion of the siloxane polymer, the crosslinker being selected from the group consisting of $R''Si(Oxime)_3$ and $R''Si(Oxime)_4$, wherein R'' is a phenyl group, hydrogen, a vinyl group, or an alkyl group having 1-12 carbon atoms.

Claim 77 (new): A method of configuring wood products comprising impregnating wood products with a curable system, configuring the wood products to a desired shape, maintaining the impregnated and configured wood product in its desired shape, and curing the curable system; the curable system being (i) a siloxane polymer having an average of at least two unsaturated groups per molecule, (ii) sufficient of a crosslinker to crosslink a significant portion of the siloxane polymer, the crosslinker being an organosilicon compound having at least two hydrogens on silicon selected from the group consisting of (a) silanes, (b) siloxanes, and (c) mixtures of (a) and (b), and (iii) a platinum catalyst.